

GRAPEVINE

"The Pastor's Page"

November 4, 2015

For All the Saints

November 1st was *All Saints Day*, which is the time in the Christian Church when we remember the people who, having influenced our lives, now reside in God's Heavenly Kingdom. The impact of these men and women on our lives can be felt long after they're gone.

Each year a few of the same names come to my mind – Great Aunt Laura, my mother's aunt who was a calming presence whenever we visited and Mike Sanford, an adult leader at a Christian summer youth event I attended in my high school years.

Every year our church family remembers in worship those who have died since last *All Saints Day* by reading their names as part of the pastoral prayer. Here is a portion of that prayer:

God of History and God of Hope, You have given us great leaders and examples of faith and commitment. We thank you for the witness of our mothers and fathers; our brothers and sisters in faith, both past and present.

We thank you as well this day for the lives of our beloved friends and family, from this congregation, who have died since last All Saints Day. We are thankful for all in them that was good and kind and faithful, and the grace which you showed them and the grace they showed us. We remember this morning:

*Wayne Kump
Jim Neely
Margaret Crone
Doug Parkhurst
Lillian Hoffman
Jim McCoy
Betsy Clowes
Paul Baird
Alex Rowland
Elwood Hoffman
Margaret Hays
Rush Benson
Ralph Eriksen
Ken Fair
Jim Getty
Jay Sixeas*

As we remember we are hopefully reminded of the joy we will inherit in the life to come and we put our faith in the promises of Scripture that these brothers and sisters in Christ have heard the Master say to each of them, "Well done my good and faithful servant..." You alone, O God, are the one who can turn death into life and for that we are thankful. Amen.

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God's Peace,



**REPORT FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING COMMITTEE
RECENT PROJECTS COMPLETED – MORE EXCITING PROJECTS TO COME**

The Capital Campaign Building Committee would like to provide an update on various projects made possible by your support of the Capital Campaign Building Projects. Some recently completed projects throughout the church facilities were:

- Enlargement and renovation of the MacAskill Room, including current-day technology equipment – if you have not done so, take a look at this very nice facility.
- Enlarged storage facilities adjacent to the MacAskill Room for our Contemporary Worship needs.
- New carpet in the sanctuary main floor and choir loft.
- Additional shelving storage located in Fellowship Hall for use by the committee handling funeral receptions.
- Air conditioning for the Youth Room and (former) Sewing Room.

Here are some projects in the planning stages which will be completed in the coming months:

- Rest rooms (ladies and men’s) in the Sunday School building will be substantially remodeled and upgraded. Some other upgrades to be performed in other rest room facilities. These upgrades hopefully will be completed in November.
- Redesigning the Eisenhower Lounge to provide a facility to make it more “user-friendly” for various church programs. This will include new flooring, upgraded technology equipment, new furnishings and upgraded lighting. This project should begin shortly after the new year.
- The addition of a new freezer unit in the kitchen off Fellowship Hall.
- Some redesign of the work area in the church administrative office.
- New carpeting in the church office area.
- The creation of a “Heritage Hall” in the Sunday School building hallway behind the sanctuary. The goal of this project is to better display much of our historical memorabilia, thereby providing a good venue for that purpose.
- Additional upgrades to lighting in the sanctuary.

These are not the only projects under study and planning but are the ones that will be forthcoming fairly quickly, we believe. None of this would be possible without the great support given by the congregation through the Capital Campaign that was conducted a few years ago. Pledge payments continue to come in on a regular basis and all these projects, including a mission component, are funded by cash on hand from receipt of the pledge payments. The original Capital Campaign pledges amounted to approximately \$840,000 and approximately 75% of those pledges have been paid to date. Thank you for your continued support of this very important program which enables our church to continue our Christian Mission in our community and throughout the world.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- Judy & Rick Beamer, James Sixeas and Ann & Kirk Cowden on the recent death of their father, Jay Sixeas.
- Greg Beegle on the recent death of his father.
- Rachel Parmentier on the recent death of her mother.

Tom and I would like to thank our church family at GPC for your support during our recent, unexpected, hospitalizations.

Whether you reached out with a visit, a phone call, a card, or more importantly, a prayer, we thank you. We are truly blessed.

Tom and Georgia Kuhn

To My Church Family:

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and the cards that I received during my recent illness and hospitalization. I truly appreciated them.

Nancy Sterrett

My sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who sent “Get Well” cards and meals to me and my family.

I really appreciate the outpouring of love from this wonderful congregation!

Thanks!
Tracey Stone

2015 Christmas Fair on December 6

It's Christmas Fair time once again! The 29th Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, December 6, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be games and prizes for children and adults, a light supper, craft tables, baked goods, and coffee for sale. We will also have a Silent Auction from Nov. 22 to Dec. 6. Bring your whole family to enjoy this kick-off to the Christmas season. Do your Christmas shopping at the Fair where money raised will benefit seven projects listed below. You will also be able to shop at the Fair on Sunday mornings, December 6, 13, 20. **Specific wish lists will be available in the next newsletter, so that you can purchase an item in honor of someone on your holiday list and receive a gift card.**



1. **MISSION: HONDURAS 2016** Our church will once again participate in the medical/dental mission to Honduras. Led by Dr. Lee Flinner, Dr. Tom Soliday, and Rev. Dan Hans, our members will join with others from around the country to provide health care and health education to over 7,000 adults and children in Pinelejo de Santa Barbara in Honduras. Through your contribution you can help provide medicine, dental care, vitamins, etc. to the Honduran people.
2. **MEXICO PROJECT 2016** Next summer Pastor Dave will again lead a group to work with Accion Ministry in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. They'll live and work in a village where they'll do a construction project on a church or home, run a Vacation Bible School, and give out glasses to those in need. There are also opportunities to fellowship and worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters. Your donation will help to buy construction materials for our project!
3. **LAKOTA INDIAN PROJECT** in Takini, South Dakota. This year GPC members and friends will travel to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. They will renovate Indian homes, built handicap ramps, installed windows and doors, hosted a potluck dinner and pow-wow for local residents, donated diabetic equipment, and provide a Festival with free food, clothing, games and prizes for 4250 residents of the reservation. Your contribution can buy needed supplies to help this extremely poor community.
4. **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** Our Christmas Fair first began in 1986 to support Heifer International, a self-help program which sends livestock to needy families in the U.S. and around the world. These families become self-sufficient through training and gifts of livestock to help them become responsible for their own food needs. Farmers who receive animals must commit to pass on the first born off-spring of that animal to a neighbor in need.
5. **SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization in which volunteers build homes for low-income families. These families then provide their own labor and can purchase homes with no-interest mortgages. Members of our congregation travel to John's Island, South Carolina every April to participate in various building projects.
6. **REACH WORKCAMP in ADAMS COUNTY** : Our Sr High Youth will participate in REACH Workcamps, a popular mission trip oriented towards home repair assistance for those with limited resources and faith building for participants and staff. This year, REACH will also be hosting Workcamp efforts right here in Adams County! Your support is crucial to provide funding and support for our neighbors in need.
7. **NEW ORLEANS 2016** In February we will be doing a week-long mission trip to help with the on-going efforts to rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. We will partner with St. Bernard Parish to do framing, roofing, drywall installation, siding installation, painting and mold remediation.

Many popular gift items will be on sale, supporting our mission efforts as well.

Presbyterian Coffee Project—seven varieties of coffee, four types of tea, hot cocoa and spicy cocoa mixes.

Equal Exchange - Chocolate bars, organic roasted almonds and olive oils.

Source of Life Ministries Haiti - Natural vanilla.

Come to the Christmas Fair to buy "gifts that will keep on giving" to people in need throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 334-1235.

See you on December 6 !!

Upcoming Events:

October / November Music Schedule

Nov. 8	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
Nov. 15	8:15 a.m.	Youth Bell Choir Youth Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bell Choir
(Chapel Choir sings at Contemporary Service)		
Nov. 22	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir
		Hanover Standard- bred Barbershop Chorus
Nov. 29	8:15 a.m.	Early Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

October / November

November 8	1:30 - 4:00	Car Chase
November 15	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 22	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 29		NO SHIP

MidSHIP Schedule

October / November

November 8	1:30 - 4:00	Car Chase
November 11	2:45 - 5:00	Small Group
November 15	5:30 - 7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
November 18	2:45 - 5:00	Dinner w/Young at Heart
November 25		NO SMALL GROUP
November 29		NO MIDSHIP

New Sexton Begins

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Charles Huber as our new sexton! Charles began work on Oct. 26. Please greet him when you meet him and welcome him to the GPC family!

Mid-Ship News:



On October 17, a group of 16 hardy Mid-Shippers, younger kids, and adults traveled to Krislund Camp for their Fall Festival. There was breathtaking fall foliage in the mountains (also snow, sleet, rain, hail, sunshine and rainbows). There was hot chocolate and other yummy food, pumpkin chunkin' (throwing pumpkins with the catapult), pumpkin decorating, plus time on the Zip Line and Giant Swing. We plan to go again next fall! Thanks to chaperones Shelli Strausner, Leslie Dillon, Lindsey North, and Deanna Wlazlak. What a fun day!

On October 25, the Mid-Ship and SHIP groups celebrated the harvest with a costume party. We enjoyed each other's costumes, ate a delicious dinner, and played group games. On October 28, the Mid-Ship Wednesday group dressed up again and played games by themselves and with the Youth Group.

To enjoy pictures of all of these celebrations, go to the GPC Facebook page.

Looking ahead, there will be a car chase game for the Mid-Ship and SHIP groups on November 8 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

The Mid-Ship group is looking for mentors from the church family. If you would be willing to take an hour one afternoon or evening to speak to the Mid-Ship group about your faith journey, please contact Libby Crowe at 476-0821 or mllibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

YOUTH CLUB/YOUNG at HEART THANKSGIVING DINNER Wednesday, November 18th

Young at Heart's November meeting will be to join with our young people in Youth Club and Mid-Ship at 4:30 p.m. to share in a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings and a time of fellowship with the young people. You are asked to bring a side dish for the dinner. Dinner will again be provided by Dobbin House. Please sign up to tell us what you are going to bring and how many will be coming so we can be sure to have enough food.

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall at the CE Table or call Cheryl Betts in the church office at 334-1235, ext. 5.

Meals & More Fundraiser

Meals & More Fundraiser at Hoss's will take place on **Tuesday, November 10th**

The Meals & More Program is having a fall fundraiser at Hoss's on Tuesday, November 10th from noon to 8pm. A ticket is required so that a percentage of the proceeds will be given to Meals & More, a community summer program that helps homeless, orphaned, abused, hungry, and neglected children. Meals & More is held at Prince of Peace Church for 8 weeks, and it offers 2 free meals each day plus music, drama, art, pastoral support, cooking classes, math, reading, geography, and cultural events. All of the children thrive in a positive and uplifting Christian environment. For more information, please contact Pam Rowland. Tickets are available in the church office.

GREENS NEEDED FOR ADVENT WREATHS



As you are trimming your bushes this fall, please save them and bring those greens to the church in **black plastic bags** marked "Advent Wreath". You can leave them in Fellowship Hall or by the outside door between the Manse and the Sanctuary by the door into Fellowship Hall. These greens will be used for making Advent Wreaths on Sunday, November 22nd and November 29th in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now to make an Advent Wreath for your family on November 22nd or 29th.

Why I Teach Sunday School

When our children were young, (now in their twenties), I taught Sunday school for several reasons. First, I thought it would help insure that our family made it to church most Sundays; second, I wanted to get to know the youth of the church and finally because Phyllis Dowd encouraged me to consider teaching. I continued to teach for many years and later served as the Sunday School Superintendent.

Ultimately, my children grew up and I moved on to other church-related activities. I found it so rewarding and learned so much more from the children than I taught to them. Then three years ago, shortly before Phyllis retired, she asked if I would consider being a temporary aid in the 2-3 Sunday school class and well, the rest is history.

I am once again teaching Sunday school---second and third graders. I team teach with two other teachers which means I only teach every three weeks. Clearly, I still get more out of teaching than I give and I can feel God working through me!

Not only do I get to know the future generation of GPC, but I also get to meet and share fellowship with the current young families of the church.

Christ calls us to live in community with one another and what better way than to embrace our future than to share the word of God with our congregation's children.

At every baptism, our pastors challenge the congregation to "help raise this child in the Christian faith"; this is just one small way in which we can help meet that commitment. The bible verse chosen as this year's Stewardship theme is Hebrews 13:16, which says "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God". During this pledge season, I challenge you to not only give of your treasures but to give of your time and talent and join me in a Sunday school classroom!

Jane North

ADVENT CLASS

(November 30th, December 6, 13, 20)

"The Origins of Christmas" will be facilitated by Cheryl Betts in the MacAskill Room at 9:30 A.M. Come prepare your minds and hearts for the Season of Advent by exploring the historical and theological understanding of Advent.

ADULT ECTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

NOVEMBER

Our November classes will be led by Rev. Dale Williams.

November 8 "Always Be Prepared"
Based on 1 Peter 3:15.
What do we believe?
What do we want to share? Why?

November 15 "Relational Evangelism"
Thoughts from Bill Hybels, *Just Walk Across the Room*. Reflections on my ministry as a Chaplain.

November 22 "The Jesus Model"
How did Jesus do evangelism?
What can we learn from "keeping our eyes on Jesus"?

Please join us in the MacAskill Room at 9:30 a.m.

"Calendar of Giving"

The Calendar of Giving is an opportunity for our congregation to support numerous local organizations. Through this program, we identify local organizations that are in need of smaller donations. Each month, we will be collecting specific items for the identified organization.

For the month of:

November

We are collecting items for
"Office of Aging"

Emergency Meal Supplies: peanut butter, pull top cans of soup, crackers, individual fruit servings, individual cookie packs, individual cereal boxes, other non-perishable, single serve items

GPC STAFF HAVE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Pastor Dave: gpcpastordave@gettysburgpresbyterian.org Libby Crowe: mslibby@gettysburgpresbyterian.org
 Pastor Lou: gpclou@gettysburgpresbyterian.org Charles Huber: sexton@gettysburgpresbyterian.org
 Penny Messinger: gpcadmin@gettysburgpresbyterian.org Emily Koons: gpcmusic@gettysburgpresbyterian.org
 Cheryl Betts: gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

2015 Christmas Mission Fair on December 6th!

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Silent Auction For Christmas Fair Items Needed by Nov. 15

Christmas Fair already? Silent Auction Items – what's that about? This year we will once again be holding a Silent Auction to benefit the missions at the Christmas Fair. Bidding will begin on Sunday, November 22 and end as the Fair concludes on December 6th.

If you have an item you would like to offer, or know of a business that may be willing to donate, please contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com. Some suggestions include Dinner for 6, a round of golf, movie passes and popcorn, Christmas wreath, gift certificate for massage, etc. Be creative in your ideas! Also, teens could offer childcare, snow shoveling, etc. We will then choose 15 of the items to use for the Silent Auction.

The Silent Auction is a big hit every year! We hope you will participate once again, either by donating an item or by bidding!

Extra Crafts for the Christmas Fair

Do you have any crafts you would be willing to donate for sale at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 6th? If you make crafts to sell this time of year, perhaps you have some extras you would be willing to give. If you like to make crafts in your spare time, perhaps you could make some just for the Fair. All proceeds from items sold at the craft tables will go to the mission projects.

Contact Tom Kolmer at 717-634-0258 or at tomkolmer@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please bring crafts to Fellowship Hall **BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, OR THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT THE LATEST. THANKS!**

CHRISTMAS FAIR CHILDREN'S GAMES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Beginning Sunday, November 1st we will have signup sheets in Fellowship Hall at the CE Table for volunteers to sign up for 30 min. blocks of time to help with games downstairs in the Education wing. Please stop by and sign up to help with one of fifteen games. We need help with all the games.

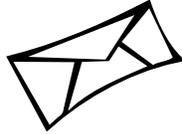
If you can help on Saturday, December 5th from 10-1 to help set up the games in the Education Wing, please contact Cheryl at 334-1235, ext. 5 or email gpcdce@gettysburgpresbyterian.org.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
FOR 3RD ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE
CELEBRATION AND OPEN HOUSE: NOVEMBER 21ST

GPC will once again be distributing hot chocolate/hot apple cider at the Remembrance Day Parade, November 21 at 11:45am in front of the church. Needed are hot chocolate and apple cider mixes (large containers if possible), baked goods, set-up/clean-up help and members to give quick tours through the sanctuary. We will be finished by 1:00 p.m.

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT CATHY GARDNER AT lvgardner@comcast.net OR 337-3233.
 IT'S A FUN AFTERNOON AND YOU GET TO SEE A PARADE!!!!

Thank offering



The Thank Offering for 2015 goes to multiple causes across America and the world. From California to Kansa, to Tennessee and NYC, to the Congo, Sudan, India and Israel, your contributions are helping the world-wide community. Check out the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board for a full list of where your money goes, and what projects receive your aid. Thank you for your generosity.

**Congregational Meeting
 Nov. 22**

A Congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, Nov. 22 following the 11AM worship service in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing elders, deacons, and nominating committee members. Please plan to attend this brief, but important meeting!



**"Gettysburg Addresses
 Lincoln"**

November 19th 4-5:00 p.m.

This year's selected speaker is Dr. Scott Hancock, Associate Professor of African Studies at Gettysburg College. Dr. Hancock's talk is entitled, "Liberation from the future as well as the Past: Black Responses to the Gettysburg Address". The annual event is free and open to the public. You are encouraged to wear period attire if you have it. Tours of our historic site will follow. This is a great way to introduce your friends to our building and follow up with an invitation to be a part of our faith story as we seek to grow and become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

MISSION BRIGHT STAR



Sun., November 22nd, you will have an opportunity to participate in our church's annual Mission Bright Star program. Mission Bright Star is a ministry in which members of our congregation purchase gifts for children whose father or mother is a resident in the Adams County Correctional Facility during the Christmas season. Thank you for helping bridge the gap between children and their parent/parents at Christmas.

NEED A RIDE?



If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you. We are only a phone call away. The transportation Deacon for November is Bev Weber at 337-2194.

C.A.R.E.S. - Volunteer Training

Nov. 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM at St. James Lutheran
 Contact Rachel Parmentier 717-334-3415 to sign-up

Daytime Volunteer(s) needed 7-8:30 AM Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 to wash/dry C.A.R.E.S. blankets at North Gettysburg Laundry Center, 839 Biglerville Road and return them to the C.A.R.E.S. Resource Center, 117 York Street. Supplies and directions provided. Contact Rachel for more information.

PW CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, November 16, 1:00 p.m.
 Paideia House, 1st floor
 Hostess: Rebecca Zepp
 and Caroline Wintrode
 Lesson 3: Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 42: 1-2
 Psalm 63:1 & John 19:28
 Study Leader: Helen Stabler

Mary Martha Circle

Monday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
 Paideia House, 1st floor
 Lesson 3: Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 42: 1-2
 Psalm 63:1 & John 19:28

Esther Circle

Thursday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.
 Eisenhower Lounge at GPC
 Lesson 3: Exodus 17: 1-7,
 Psalm 42: 1-2, Psalm 63:1 &
 John 19: 28

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Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church believes that God calls us to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ, and equip them to grow as His fully devoted followers. As disciples we:

- * study regularly
- * pray daily
- * witness boldly
- * live faithfully
- * serve passionately
- * give generously
- * worship weekly



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Next Newsletter Deadline:
Noon, Thursday, November 12, 2015

November 2015
GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 8	“Why Do Good?”
Nov. 15	“Don’t Keep It to Yourself” Pledge Sunday
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Sunday Congregational Meeting at noon
Nov. 29	“What Are You Looking At?” 1st Sunday in Advent